

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Student Testing Program School Year 2004-2005

As required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, all students who are identified as "**Limited English Proficient**" must be assessed **annually** for English proficiency in the five domains of speaking, listening, reading, writing, and comprehension. This language assessment does not replace the State English Language Arts Criterion Referenced Tests (CRTs) or the Norm Referenced Tests (NRTs) as required by state law. All LEP students must **participate** in the state assessments as well as the assessment of English Language proficiency.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT- The term "limited English proficient," when used with respect to an individual, means an individual —

- who is aged 3 through 21;
- who is enrolled or preparing to enroll in an elementary school or secondary school;
- whose native language is a language other than English;
- who is a Native American or Alaskan Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas;
- who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or
- who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; **and**
- whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the individual the ability to meet the State's proficient level of achievement on State assessments; the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English; or the opportunity to participate fully in society.

Annual Assessments for LEP Testing 2004-2005

1. **Initial Placement Procedure:** Used to determine if a child requires services because he/she is classified as LEP.
 - Students tested: Any new student entering school with a home language other than English
 - Test used: Determined by the district (most districts use the PreLAS, Language Assessment Scale (LAS) – LAS Oral, LAS Reading/Writing)
 - Testing dates: Federal regulations require testing within 30 days of the start of the school year or within 15 days after enrollment if a child enters during the school year.
2. **English Language Proficiency Assessment:** Is used to measure a student's growth or progress in English proficiency.
 - Students tested: All students classified as LEP
 - Test used: Pre-K students through grade 1 are tested using the PreLas. Students in grades 2-12 will be tested using the LAS O and LAS R/W tests.
 - Testing dates: PreLAS can be administered at any time during the school year. LAS must be administered during the assigned testing window. (Exact testing dates will be determined during the period of March – End of school year.)

Any questions concerning LEP testing may be directed to Title III Education consultant at (702) 486-6623.